

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) A method of evaluating a developing fire condition in a region being monitored comprising:

- establishing a plurality of fire detection points in a region;
- collecting indicia from the points indicative of a fire condition;
- establishing graphically, a direction of fire travel in response to at least some of the collected indicia;
- where fire direction is established by comparing sets of indicia collected during a plurality of time intervals; and
- which includes displaying a time based sequence of periodically collected indicia and generating a fire velocity indicator in response thereto.

7. (Original) A method as in claim 6 which includes displaying a representation of the region and displaying the fire velocity indicating symbol thereon.

8. (Original) A method as in claim 4 which includes automatically evaluating an effect on fire direction in response to the presence of a pre-established fire barrier.

9. (Original) A method as in claim 8 which includes:  
projecting a change in fire direction in response to the fire encountering the fire barrier.

10. (Original) A method as in claim 8 which includes:  
generating a change of direction indicator in response thereto.
11. (Original) A method as in claim 10 which includes:  
displaying a change of direction indicating symbol on a representation of the region.
12. (Original) A method as in claim 7 which includes:  
automatically evaluating an effect on fire direction in response to the presence of a pre-established fire barrier.
13. (Original) A method as in claim 12 which includes:  
displaying a change of direction indicating symbol on a representation of the region.
- 14 – 29. (Canceled)